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IN CONGRESS, *October* 18, 1775.

Reſolved, THAT a juſt and well authenticated account of the hoſtilities committed by the miniſterial troops and navy in America, ſince laſt March, be collected, with proper evidence of the truth of the fact related, the number and value of the buildings deſtroyed by them, alſo the number and value of the veſſels, inward and outward bound, which have been ſeized by them ſince that period, as near as the number and value can be aſcertained, alſo the ſtock taken by them from different parts of the continent.---- That mr. *Deane*, mr. *J. Adams*, and mr. *Wythe*, be a committee for this purpoſe.

CHARLES THOMPSON, ſecretary.

N. B. *The above committee requeſt that all perſons in the united colonies, poſſeſſed of any facts relative to, or that may throw light on the above ſubject, to tranſmit the ſame to them as early as poſſible.*

At a committee held for Charlotte *county, the* 28*th of* October, 1775.

THE reverend mr. Thomas Johnſon being ſummoned to this committee, on the information of ſundry witneſſes, that the ſaid Johnſton, on Monday the 16th of this month, at the ordinary of mr. John Tankerſly, with a bowl of grog in his hand, drank ſucceſs to the Britiſh arms, appeared; and, after due proof being made of the ſaid charge, the ſaid Johnſton was pleaſed to make a full confeſſion thereof, and in the moſt equivocal and inſulting manner attempted to vindicate the ſaid expreſſions. The committee being deſirous to reclaim mr. Johnſon from ſuch ſentiments, and receive him again into friendly communion, expoſtulated with him on the impropriety of his conduct; and recommended it to him to draw up and ſign a recantation of ſuch principles, with a ſhow of contrition for his behaviour, whereby his indiſcretion might be forgiven. The ſaid Johnſton at length produced a paper, affecting to make amends to his country for his wiſhes againſt it; which being adjudged inſufficient, the committee required ſome alteration, which mr. Johnſton pretended to make, ſtill treating the inquiry with contempt and diſreſpect.

The committee having alſo called upon him for a juſtification of his conduct in continuing to deal with a certain Chriſtopher M'Connico of the ſaid county, who was held up as a violator of the continental aſſociation, and ordered to be publiſhed in the Virginia Gazette on the 8th day of February laſt, mr. Johnſton confeſſed he had dealt, and did continue to deal, with the ſaid M'Connico, ſince his publication, after ſufficient proof had been made thereof. This committee conſider the ſaid Thomas Johnſon to have acted as an enemy to America, and ought to be deemed as ſuch by every good member of this community; and farther, do recommend it to all the people of the ſaid county in particular, and country in general, to withdraw and ceaſe all other and farther communication and intercourſe with him.

THOMAS READ, chairman.

At a meeting of the committee of the county of Suſſex, *at the courthouſe, the* 25*th day of* September, 1775.

MICHAEL BLOW, eſq; chairman of this committee, being charged with expreſſions innimical to the common cauſe of America, moved that he might leave the chair to make his defence againſt ſo heavy a charge; which, by the unanimous conſent of this committee, he did, and doctor Thomas Peete, by the unanimous vote of this committee, was placed therein. The ſaid Michael Blow, eſq; then appeared, and, with great candour, informed this committee, that true it is that in private converſations with many perſons he had unguardedly, but with no deſign or intention to prejudice our moſt noble and juſt ſtand againſt the deſigns of a tyrannical, wicked, and venal adminiſtration and parliament, expreſſed his diſapprobation of ſome particulars of the proceedings of the late Convention held at Richmond, particularly in regard to the wages of the officers of the intended forces to be raiſed, and the reſolutions that took place on the petition of certain Britons; but declared, upon his honour, that he had no intention, in his ſaid converſations, any ways to inflame the minds of the people, and was extremely ſorry to find it had been ſo conſtructed. Whereupon, after mature deliberation, it was unanimouſly reſolved, that this committee, from a retroſpective view of the conduct of the ſaid Michael Blow, eſq; and the zeal he hath ſhewn in the common cauſe, are ſatisfied that the ſaid Michael Blow, eſq; in his ſaid converſations, had no intentions inimical to the good of the common cauſe, and therefore do recommend it to all perſons to conſider him as a zealous friend to American liberty; and that this reſolution be publiſhed in the ſeveral Virginia gazettes.

THOMAS PEETE, chairman.

AT a meeting of the committee of *Elizabeth City* county, and town of *Hampton*, *October* 9, 1775, preſent. *William Roſcow Wilſon Curle*, *Henry King*, *Gary Selden*, *John Tabb*, *Jacob Wray*, *Worlich Weſtwood*, *John Cary*, *William Armiſtead*, and *Miles King*.

Mr. *Joſeph Selden* being ſummoned to appear before this committee, to give an account of the buſineſs which had lately induced him to wait on lord *Dunmore* ſeveral times, on board the ſhip William, appeared, and informed this committee, that he was ſent the firſt time by his father, to pay about 20l. due his lordſhip from the clerk of this county ſince laſt October; and that, on another time, he went on board to pray his lordſhip would diſcharge him from the cuſtody of capt. *Squire*, who had ſeized him in his paſſage to *Norfolk*, with others, when going on his own private buſineſs. Upon which information, this committee being ſatisfied with the young gentleman, ordered him to be diſcharged.

ROBERT BRIGHT, clerk.

LONDON, *Auguſt* 26.

THE following plan is recommended, by a true friend to the reigning family, as the only method to reſtore and preſerve, on a laſting baſis, the union, peace, and proſperity, of Great Britain and her colonies:

1. Let an act be paſſed to indemnify the preſent miniſters and the Americans for what hath paſſed, but let this act prohibit thoſe miniſters from ever holding any place in the ſtate for the future.

2. Let the next ſet of miniſters be all known as hearty friends to the Hanoverian ſucceſſion, and to the liberties of the people.

3. Repeal all the obnoxious acts lately paſſed againſt America.

4. Let an act be paſſed for a more juſt and equal repreſentation of the people; let it limit the number of placemen in the Houſe of Commons, and make all future elections for members be determined by ballot.

5. Diſſolve the preſent parliament; call a new one, and let all electors vote freely.

Orders are iſſued by the maſter of the ordnance for ſhipping 20,000 wt. of bullets, with a quantity of cannon balls at the Tower, for the uſe of his majeſty's army in America.

There are now gone, and going, more artillery to America than was laſt war, which is proof ſufficient that government is determined to cruſh rebellion.

Auguſt 28. Miniſtry wiſh for nothing more earneſtly than that proclamations ſhould paſs for laws in England, as royal edicts do in France, Spain, and Turkey. In this fond hope, they have attempted to frighten us from writing, or ſpeaking, in favour of the brave, generous Americans; but let the miniſtry be informed, that Engliſhmen will never pay any regard to proclamations that aſſert *what is not conformable to the fundamental principles of the conſtitution*. Whenever it is clearly proved that arms *may not legally* be born in defence of violated charters, in ſupport of trials *by juries of the vicinage*, and for the preſervation of freedom and happineſs, the abdicated Stuarts may juſtly term the Whigs rebels, who ſeated this family on the throne, and who have ſupported them with their blood. If the Americans are rebels, the Stuarts have been hardly dealt with. *If there was need* of this proclamation *to deem them rebels*, they are no more rebels now than they were *prior to its publication*; for a proclamation is *no law in England*, thanks be to Heaven, *and the arms of our forefathers!* Let the miniſtry try the point, by arraigning ſome friend to liberty, and trying him for high treaſon. Inform them that they cannot bring a criminal proceſs into Weſtminſter Hall, and that an Old Baily jury will ſhow, by their acquittal of the priſoner, that they will ſupport the conſtitution, in defiance of the frowns of tyrannical miniſters.

A gentleman juſt arrived in town from Stourbridge, in Worceſterſhire, ſays, "It is impoſſible to deſcribe the diſtreſs of

mariors at a place called the Waſte, near that town, who, ſince the American acts took place, are out of employ, where hundred of induſtrious families are abſolutely ſtarving (who before lived comfortably) for the common neceſſaries even to ſupport nature; their children may be ſeen running about without either ſhoe or ſtocking to their feet, whilſt their parents are begging from door to door, a few miles round the place, for broken victuals to carry home at night to their helpleſs families.

It is now confidently reported, that at the meeting of parliament the land-tax will be raiſed an additional ſhilling in the pound.

Extract of a letter from Amſterdam.

"A report of Europe's being involved in a general war has been ſo univerſally believed, all over Holland, that it is now looked upon as a certainty; and the conſequence is, that all the monied people who have caſh in the foreign funds have determined to withdraw it immediately, and the fear is even ſo general that our ſtocks have fallen, as our merchants think their monies ſafeſt in their own hands."

A gentleman juſt returned from a tour in the weſt of England informs us, that had it not been for the very large ſupplies of American wheat imported from that continent the poor inhabitants of the ſeveral clothing towns of Wootton, Durfley, Stroud-water, Cam, and others, between Briſtol and Glouceſter, muſt have periſhed for want of bread, as they have had no other but ſuch as had been made from American wheat for the laſt ten months.

There are letters in town from Madrid which bring advice that a Spaniſh ſquadron of 13 ſhips of the line is now at Cadiz, ready to put to ſea, which will be commanded by the ſieur Regis.

They write from Amſterdam, that the price of all kinds of ordnance and naval ſtores have been greatly advanced, within theſe few weeks, in all the ports of Holland.

So far are thoſe general reflections thrown upon the Scots, as unanimouſly abetting the oppreſſion of America, from being true, that, by a gentleman who arrived from Edinburgh, we are informed, that in almoſt every company he found very able and ſpirited defenders of our brethren beyond the Atlantick, and verily believed that in the city of Edinburgh there were eight out of ten for the Americans. A plain proof that thouſands of our countrymen on the other ſide Tweed are as ſuſceptible of the love of freedom, and principles of genuine Whiggiſm, as ourſelves.

Extract of a letter from Newcaſtle, *Aug.* 26.

"As the preſs ought to be *a reward to thoſe who do well, as well as a terrour to evil-doers*, we ought to take notice of the noble and diſintereſted conduct of two very reſpectable gentlemen, John Addiſon, of Whitby, eſq; and Thomas Maude, of this town, who have rejected every offer of employment for their ſhips in the government ſervice, for the purpoſes of the American war, although they are deeply engaged in ſhipping, and the times are very bad in that article."

Adjutant-general Gates, who is adjutant-general of the provincials, is allowed by all the Britiſh officers, who know any thing of him, or of ſervice, to be one of the braveſt and beſt diſciplined officers in Europe.

The king of Pruſſia, we hear, threatens to aſſiſt the rebellious Americans with military ſtores of all kinds, and officers, if the demands he has on lord Bute's adminiſtration be not immediately liquidated and diſcharged; and in caſe any of his ſhips ſhould be ſeized or ſtopped, he means to take poſſeſſion of the electorate of Hanover, till he is paid the ſum of 876,000 l. which are the arrears due, as he ſays. His demand is much greater, but the remainder he forbears to inſiſt on, as he intends to appropriate it to the diſcharge of the Pruſſia loan.

Another proclamation is ſhortly expected to make its appearance, in order to forbid the ſcurrilous publications with which the friends of adminiſtration ſay the publick prints daily abound.

The French king has iſſued orders to his ſeveral intendants, throughout his kingdom, to cauſe magazines of corn to be formed within their ſeveral diſtricts. This is ſeldom done in France but when that kingdom is on the eve of a war, or at leaſt in ſuch a ſituation as to render an event of that kind doubtful, if not probable.

Wedneſday upwards of 300 barrels of gunpowder were ſhipped off from the Tower for America, together with ſeveral pieces of cannon and their cariages.

September 2. It is computed, that ſhould the American war continue but for three years the expenſe of the very naval and military force neceſſary to complete the reduction of that continent will amount to at leaſt ten millions ſterling, over and above our uſual peace eſtabliſhment. Add to this at leaſt as much more, which we ſhall loſe in trade, commerce, and manufactures, beſides the lives, on the loweſt computation, of 100,0000 gallant Engliſhmen. What have we to balance againſt ſuch calamities? Twelve flouriſhing and induſtrious provinces reduced to a deſert, depopulated towns, uncultivated fields, ſtarving widows, deſerted infants, rotten ſhips, a nominal tax of 300,000 l. per annum (of which 10 l. will not reach the royal coffers for ten years) ſtarving manufacturers, and parliamentary ſupremacy. In the words of an author of great authority, I believe there are ſeveral things *right* that are *not expedient*.

Sept. 12. It is aſſerted, that a number of petitions are preparing to be preſented to the Houſe of Commons, at the enſuing meeting, requeſting that meaſures may be taken to reſtore tranquillity between Great Britain and the American colonies.

The moſt vigorous reſiſtance to miniſterial oppreſſion will be made this ſeſſion in both houſes of parliament, by an union of the moſt reſpectable and virtuous characters in this kingdom, who are determined to exert all their ſtrength to ſave their country in this criſis of her fate.

DUBLIN, *Aug.* 16. It is confidently ſaid that ſir John Blaquiere is commiſſioned to propoſe the long-dreaded land-tax, and that it will be laid before parliament early in the next ſeſſion. The reaſon for aſking it is to be the American war. Is there an honeſt man in the kingdom will agree to this? When the repreſentatives of a nation are bribed and corrupted by the crown, there is no ſecurity for the people but an appeal to God. This is a maxim which America ſeems to purſue with vigour; and as their cauſe is juſt, all good men hope it will be crowned with ſucceſs.

Several recruiting parties have, within theſe few days, been beating up for recruits, but ſo infamous does the cauſe appear, that eight days indefatigable induſtry of three parties have been able only to procure one volunteer, and he was ſo far under ſize, and ſo miſerable in appearance, that he was diſcharged when brought before the general who was to paſs him. The recruiting parties in the North have met with the ſame bad ſucceſs, and it is thought that in the whole kingdom of Ireland there will not be found twenty men who will be hired to attack their relations in America.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

WHOEVER are the holders of two bonds ſigned by myſelf and *Richard Hogg* are deſired to bring them in, that they may receive payment for them, provided they will make the neceſſary diſcount for their being paid before they become due.

TURNER SOUTHALL.

THE end of the year approaching, I ſhall be much obliged to all my kind cuſtomers to pay in their ſubſcriptions, to enable me to lay in a ſtock of paper for the winter, which uſeful article is now exceedingly ſcarce, and very dear; and all perſons indebted to me for BOOKS, STATIONARY, ADVERTISEMENTS, *&c.* will render me a very eſſential ſervice by diſcharging their accounts.

I am the publick's obliged
And devoted ſervant,
ALEX. PURDIE.

WILLIAMSBURG, *Nov.* 28, 1775.

THE truſtees of the attorney-general having been hindered, by an unforeſeen occurrence, from making ſale of his eſtate on the 25th of this month, as lately adverti ſed, have determined to ſell the ſame, at all events, the 11th day of next month. For all ſums exceeding 5 l. a year's credit will be allowed, the purchaſers giving bond and good ſecurity.

IF JOHN WEST, of *Charles City*, is willing to act as an overſeer on a valuable plantation in *Glouceſter*, he may be employed, by applying to the printer.

To be SOLD at publick auction, purſuant to the laſt will and teſtament of mr. John Todd Bickerton, *deceaſed, at* Hanover *courthouſe, the firſt* Thurſday *in* January *next, being court day,*

A TRACT of LAND containing 1846 acres, lying on *Falling* river, in *Bedford* county. Alſo eight *Virginia* born NEGROES, *viz.* four men, three women, and a child, all young, and very likely. Twelve months credit will be allowed, the purchaſers giving bond, with approved ſecurity, to the executors.

N. B. Mrs. *Martha Bickerton* claims dower in the above land.

COMMITTED to *Mecklenburg* jail, the 24th of *June* laſt, a *Virginia* born negro man named GEORGE, about 5 feet 8 inches high, who had on a *Virginia* cloth coat and jacket, oſnabrug ſhirt, and a pair of leather breeches. He was formerly the property of *Matthew Marrable*, but ſays he now belongs to *John Cox* on *New* river, *Botetourt* county. The owner is deſired to take him away, and pay charges.

RICHARD SWEPSON, jailer.

COMMITTED to *Mecklenburg* jail, the 25th of *June* laſt, an outlandiſh negro man named ROGER, about 6 feet high, who had on a *Virginia* cloth jacket, oſnabrug ſhirt, and a pair of brown cotton velvet breeches. He ſays he is the property of *Edwin Gray*, of *Southampton* county. The owner is deſired to take him away, and pay charges.

RICHARD SWEPSON, jailer.

TAKEN up in *Buckingham*, a *dark cheſtnut mare*, about 8 years old, about 4 feet 4 inches high, has ſome ſaddle ſpots on her back, had a bell on, branded on the near buttock J H in a piece, and on the off ſhoulder and buttock W. Poſted, and appraiſed to 7 l. JOHN GIBSON.

TAKEN up near *Namazeen* creek, in *Amelia*, a *ſorrel horſe* 4 years old, about 4 feet 8 inches high, with a ſtar in his forehead, his off hind foot and near half his leg white, but has no brand perceivable. Poſted, and appraiſed to 12 l.

VIVION BROOKING.

TAKEN up in *Buckingham*, a *ſorrel mare* about 3 years old, 4 feet 7 inches high, neither dockt nor branded. Poſted, and appraiſed to 13 l.

DRURY MIMS.

TAKEN up in *Fauquier*, a *dark gray mare*, 4 years old, about 12 hands 3 inches and a quarter high, has ſome ſaddle ſpots, is docked, and branded on the near buttock M. Poſted, and appraiſed to 6 l.

PHILIP FISHBACK.

For SALE,

A TRACT of good tobacco or grain land, containing 275 acres, with a tolerable good dwelling-houſe, kitchen, ſmokehouſe, dairy, and other outhouſes, a good ſtorehouſe, with counting room, *&c.* The plantation is in good order for working 5 or 6 hands. For terms apply to mr. *David Anderſon*, jun. near the premiſes.

ON the 30th day of *October*, 1775, died in *Prince George* county, in *Virginia*, WILLIAM NELSON, of the town of *Gilderſon*, near *Leeds*, in *Great Britain*. This gentleman was ſent over with a power of attorney to ſettle certain accounts wherein *John Ellis* of ſaid *Leeds*, and *John Jackſon* of ſaid *Gilderſon*, are intereſted; and as there is no immediate channel of conveying a letter to *Great Britain* at this time, this method, over and above letters put into the poſt-office, is taken to give meſſrs. *Ellis & Jackſon* information of the death of the ſaid *Nelſon*, by their very humble ſervant,

PETER WILLIAMS.

N. B. His books, papers, and effects, are ſafe in my poſſeſſion.

LOST laſt week, between mr. *Burwell's* and *Glouceſter* town, a HORIZONTAL GOLD WATCH, which runs on a diamond, the maker's name *Toolman*, number forgot; it has a remarkable neat *China* dial-plate, the outward caſe a compoſition reſembling tortoiſhell, but much broken and defaced, a riband ſtring, and key only annexed to it. Whoever has found the ſaid watch, and will deliver it to mr. *Burwell*, ſhall have 50s. reward, and no queſtions aſked; if it ſhould be offered for ſale, it is hoped that it will be ſtopped, and information given, for which kindneſs the above-mentioned reward will be thankfully paid.

AS the revenue ariſing from the 2s. per hhd. on tobacco will not be ſufficient to defray the expenſe of government, and it is expected no farther payments will be made during the continuance of the preſent troubles, I think it proper to inform ſuch officers, and others, who have been uſually paid out of that fund, that the whole of the revenue, to the 25th of *October* laſt, will be exhauſted, by the payment of ſuch ſalaries as are authoriſed by his majeſty's immediate warrants.

RICHARD CORBIN, D. R. G.

For SALE,

SIX very fine *BAY*, and four *BLACK COLTS*. Inquire of the printer.

WILLIAMSBURG, *Nov.* 24, 1775.

AS I intend for *Great Britain* immediately, all mrs. *Rathell's* STOCK of GOODS will be abſolutely ſold by publick vendue, the 10th and 11th days of next month, for ready money, with a large bow window, ſome ſhow-glaſſes, and glaſs caſes.------All perſons indebted to mrs. *Rathell* are requeſted to diſcharge their accounts immediately, either to *John Tazewell*, eſq; of this city, or to

(2) M. BRODIE.

COMMITTED to *Nanſemond* county jail, the 20th of *October* laſt, a negro fellow named JACOB, who ſays he belongs to *William Wallace* of *North Carolina*. The owner is deſired to take him away, and pay charges.

WILLIAM WHITFIELD, jailer.

TAKEN up in *Amherſt*, a *bay mare colt*, one year old laſt ſpring, about 4 feet high, has a ſtar in her forehead, and branded on the near buttock N. Poſted, and appraiſed to 4l.

JOSEPH MAGANN.

TAKEN up in *New Kent*, a BRINDLED COW with a ſtar in her forehead, two white feet, ſome white on her back, and is not marked. Poſted, and appraiſed to 30s.

JOHN GLENN.

FIVE POUNDS REWARD,

FOR apprehending BAKER FULLAM, a 31 years ſervant, who ran away about the latter end of *September* laſt. He had on a blue lappelled coat with white metal buttons, and I believe a blue jacket and leather breeches, pretty much worn. He ſtole from a young man, a tutor in my family, a white ſhirt marked A. S. a blue ſurtout coat, a pair of black everlaſting breeches, one of nankeen do. a pair of thread ſtockings, and another of marbled worſted, a pair of ſhoes little worn, with a pair of pinchbeck ſhoe buckles, and a beaver hat about half worn. He is a likely well ſet fellow, about 27 years old, 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, is of a light colour, with hazle eyes, and wears his hair, which is ſhort, and of a dark brown colour. He has a ſcar on one of his cheeks, which he received for one of the many villanies he has committed during his ſervitude. He it a plauſible fellow, talks much, eſpecially when in liquor, and will be very impertinent if not checked. He is a good groom, and boaſts his ſkill in that way. He has been accuſtomed for many years to wait upon me, and made an elopement from *Richmond* at the laſt Convention, where he was apprehended, and brought to me ſoon after my return. I ſuſpect he is now harboured by ſome of the free mulattoes or negroes in that neighbourhood; or probably he may offer his ſervices to lord *Dunmore*, who, I am told, does not object to the colour or condition of any. The above reward will be given if he is apprehended in the neighbourhood of *Williamſburg*, if 100 miles off, 4l. if 50 miles 50s. at a ſmaller diſtance and out of this county 40s. and if within the county 20s. if brought home, otherwiſe the milage to be deducted out of the reward.

THOMAS BLACKBURN.

Prince William, near *Dumfries*, *Nov.* 6.

TAKEN up in *Amherſt*, *two ſteers*. One of them is black, about 4 years old, marked with a crop and underkeel in the right ear, and a ſwallow-fork in the left. The other is black and white, about 7 or 8 years old, has a blemiſh in his right eye, marked with a crop and ſlit in the right ear, with a crop in the left, and branded on the near buttock O.

JOHN CABELL.

TAKEN up in *Caroline*, laſt *April*, a BLACK STONE COLT about 4 feet 3 inches high, appears to be about two years old laſt ſpring, has no white about him, and is neither dockt nor branded. I have had him cut. The owner may have him by applying to me, near the *Guinea* bridges.

WILLIAM ARNOLD.

TAKEN up in *Auguſta*, a BLACK MARE about 14 years old, 14 hands and a half high, has a large ſtar in her forehead, ſome ſaddle marks, is a trotter, and has a blotched brand on her near ſhoulder; along with her there is a year old BLACK FILLY. Poſted, and appraiſed to 3l. 15s.

GAWIN HAMILTON.

TAKEN up in *Cheſterfield*, a BAY MARE 6 or 7 years old, 4 feet 9 inches high, appears to be blooded, is ſhort dockt, ſhod before, branded on the near ſhoulder reſembling a woman's ſtirrup-iron, and looks as if ſhe had been much rode bareback. Poſted, and appraiſed to 16l.

WILLIAM MOORE.

TAKEN up in *Hanover*, a brown pied STEER, appears to be 3 years old, marked with a crop and ſlit in the left, and underkeel and ſlit in the right ear.---Alſo two HEIFERS, one black pied, and marked as above; the other red pied, marked with a crop and ſlit in the right, and ſlit and underkeel in the left ear; they appear to be 2 years old each. Poſted and appraiſed, the ſteer to 30s. and the heifers to 20s. each.

CHARLES SIMS.

Wanted to hire or purchaſe,

A GOOD *NEGRO BLACKSMITH*. Inquire of the printer.

ADJOINING the houſe of mr. *James French*, in the new town of *Peterſburg*, is carried on, by the ſubſcribers, a *manufactory* of *mens boots* and *ſhoes*, alſo *womens leather*, *cloth*, *calimanco*, *ſilk*, *and ſatin ſhoes*; all of which are made after the neweſt faſhion, and equal in goodneſs and workmanſhip to any imported from *London*, many of the hands having worked with *Didſbury*, and other capital tradeſmen in that branch. As we purpoſe continuing and carrying on this buſineſs to a conſiderable extent, we ſhall endeavour to do the work well, and at a moderate price; but no credit will be given by

(6) JOHN BLANEY, & co.

STAFFORD county, AQUIA, *Nov* 8, 1775.

RUN off laſt night from the ſubſcriber, a negro man named CHARLES, who is a very ſhrewd ſenſible fellow, and can both read and write; and as he has always waited upon me, he muſt be well known through moſt parts of *Virginia* and *Maryland*. He is very black, has a large noſe, and is about 5 feet 8 or 10 inches high. He took a variety of clothes, which I cannot well particulariſe, ſtole ſeveral of my ſhirts, a pair of new ſaddle bags, and two mares, one a darkiſh, the other a light bay, with a blaze and white feet, and about 3 years old. From many circumſtances, there is reaſon to believe he intends an attempt to get to lord *Dunmore*; and as I have reaſon to believe his deſign of going off was long premeditated, and that he has gone off with ſome accomplice, I am apprehenſive he may prove daring and reſolute, if endeavoured to be taken. His elopement was from no cauſe of complaint, or dread of a whipping (for he has always been remarkably indulged, indeed too much ſo) but from a determined reſolution to get liberty, as he conceived, by flying to lord *Dunmore*. I will give 5l. to any perſon who ſecures him, and the mares, ſo that I get them again.

ROBERT BRENT.

N. B. Since writing the above advertiſement, the mares have returned, and there is a great probability, from many circumſtances, to conclude that he was taken from *Dumfries*, in company with a white ſervant of mr. *Andrew Leitch's*, in an oyſter boat belonging to one *Kelly*, near *Smith's* point, in *Northumberland*. I will give 10l. if he is taken, and allow a handſome gratuity to any perſon who can convict *Kelly* of having carried him off.

To be LET to the higheſt bidder, *at* Hanover *courthouſe*, *for the enſuing year*, *on* Thurſday *the 7th of* December *next*,

THE well accuſtomed tavern in *Hanover* town belonging to the eſtate of *Thomas Tinſley*, deceaſed. The many conveniencies belonging to this houſe are too well known to require a particular deſcription, and therefore it is ſufficient to ſay, they are equalled by very few, and exceeded by none in the colony. Bond and ſecurity, to the adminiſtratrix, will be required. Any perſon inclined to engage by private contract may apply to *Leighton Wood*, jun. for terms.

WILLIAMSBURG, *Nov.* 14, 1775.

STOLEN ont of my company, a few days paſt, a ſmall *RIFLE GUN* with a yellow ſtock ſomewhat defaced, without a box, and broken juſt below the lock; the breech is mended with three iron pins. Whoever will produce the ſaid gun to the commanding-officer at this place ſhall have 20s. reward, and on conviction of the thief 40s.

WILLIAM FONTAIN.

THE ſubſcriber intends to leave the colony ſoon, and will return in a few months. In his abſence, mr. *John Barret* is fully empowered to tranſact his buſineſs.

ROBERT BAINE.

To be rented till Chriſtmas 1776, *and may be entered on immediately*,

A TENEMENT in the town of *Richmond*, oppoſite to mrs. *Younghuſband*'s tavern, which will ſuit very well either for a tavern or two families. The houſes are in very good repair, and there is a large garden, and a ſtable that will hold twelve horſes. Any perſon inclinable to rent the ſaid tenement may apply to mr. *George Donald*, near *Richmond*, who is fully empowered to rent the ſame, by

GEORGE MUTER.

WILLIAMSBURG, *November* 15, 1775.

BROKE jail on *Monday* the 13th inſtant (*November*) a remarkable light mulatto ſlave, named DICK, the property of mr. *Anthony Lamb* of *Amelia*, about 20 years old, 5 feet 5 or 6 inches high, has a down look, a ſcar in his upper lip, ſhort dark hair, and dark eyes; had on, a red lappelled ſailor's waiſtcoat, narrow oſnabrug trouſers and ſhirt, a cocked hat, and ſhoes and ſtockings. He has been run away for 18 months paſt, and went by water as a freeman, till laſt ſummer, when he enliſted as a ſoldier, in *Princeſs Anne* county, under capt. *Davis*, by the name of *Will. Thompſon*, and came to this city, where he was taken up, and committed to jail. I imagine he will again try to paſs for a freeman, and endeavour to get on board ſome veſſel, or return to *Nanſemond*, where I hear he left a crop of corn. Whoever ſecures him in any jail, ſo that I get him again, ſhall have 40 s. and if brought home to me 3l. reward.

JOHN LAMB.

I INTEND to leave the colony ſoon, and to return in a few months.

NINIAN MENZIES.

YORK TOWN, *November* 7, 1775

STOLEN from *Fleet*'s ferry landing, on *Mattapony* river, laſt *Friday* night, a 25 hhd FLAT, with her ſail, covering, anchor, cable, *&c.* The frame is of mulberry, and the yard quite new. Two ſailors, who came paſſengers down the river, from *Todd's* warehouſe, in the flat, were miſſing at the ſame time, and it is ſuppoſed have carried her to *Norfolk*, or up the bay. Whoever ſecures the flat, and will give me intelligence ſo that I get her again, ſhall be handſomely rewarded.

DAVID JAMESON.

COMMITTED to *Eſſex* county jail, a negro fellow who calls himſelf *William Pig*, and ſays he belongs to doctor *William Clarke* of *Charlotte* county. The owner is deſired to take him away, and pay charges.

JAMES EMERSON, jailer.

COMMITTED to *Eſſex* county jail, as a runaway, *Iſaac Lewis*, by trade a waggon-maker, about 5 feet 11 inches high, and ſays he is a native of *Pennſylvania*; he has on an old drab coat and green waiſtcoat, oſnabrug ſhirt, and an old felt hat. JAMES EMERSON, jailer.

NORTHUMBERLAND, *October* 20, 1775.

RUN AWAY from the ſubſcriber, a negro man named *BEN*, about 25 years old, is very black, middle ſized, has a ſcar over one of his eyes, occaſioned by a burn when young, and had on when he went away (which is about three months ago) ſuch clothes as negroes commonly wear in ſummer. He is a pretty good ſawer, and can do a little at the carpenters work. I will give 5l. reward to any perſon who will deliver him to me, if taken in *Virginia*, if in *Maryland* or *Carolina*, 10l. I ſuſpect ſome perſon has forged a paſs for him, that he may travel as a freeman.

7‖ JOHN GORDON.

To be SOLD *at publick auction, purſuant to the laſt will and teſtament of mr.* John Todd Bickerton, *deceaſed, at* Hanover *courthouſe, on the firſt* thurſday *in* December *next, being court day*,

ONE tract of LAND lying on the *Byrd* creek, in *Albemarle* county, containing 700 acres, with a plantation cleared ſufficient to work ſeven or eight hands, and convenient buildings for a family. Alſo one other tract, lying on *Hickory* creek, in *Louiſa* county, containing 1425 acres, without any improvements thereon. Theſe lands are ſubject to the dower of mrs. *Martha Bickerton*. Twelve months credit will be allowed, the purchaſer giving bond, with approved ſecurity, to the executors. (7)

STRAYED or STOLEN from the ſubſcriber in *Charles City*, the 7th of this inſtant, at night, *a light bay mare* 4 feet 5 or 6 inches high, has no brand that I remember, but many ſaddle ſpots on her back, paces, trots, and gallops well, drags her hind feet, and was with foal when taken from me. Whoever brings the ſaid mare to me, if taken in this or *New Kent* county, ſhall have a dollar reward; if in any other county, 20 s.

JOHN SHEARMAN.

JAMES CITY county, *November* 1, 1775.

RUN away from *Drummond*'s neck, the 27th of laſt month, a young negro man named HARRY, who can read and write, and carried with him ſeveral ſuits of clothing. I purchaſed him of mr. *James Donald*, who brought him from *Scotland*, where he had been many years. He has had the ſmallpox, can ſpeak *Scotch*, and ſings *Scotch* ſongs. Whoever brings him to me ſhall have 20 s. reward, beſides what the law allows.

(6) JOHN AYLETT.

ESSEX county, *September* 10, 1775.

RUN away from the ſubſcriber, about the middle of *July* laſt, a *Virginia* born negro lad named NED, who is about 18 years of age, and about 5 feet high; one of his hands has a large ſcar, occaſioned by its being burnt when he was a child, by which means ſome of his fingers grow together. He has a flat face and long head, which is remarkably ſharp on the top. His clothes were ſuch as is common for working negroes, and he was ſeen going down the country. Whoever will ſecure the ſaid negro, ſo that I get him again, ſhall have a reward of 40 s. beſides what the law allows.

(tf) JAMES EDMONDSON.

YORK TOWN, *September* 19, 1775.

RUN away from col. *Philip Rootes*, of *King & Queen*, a negro man named HARRY, who ſome years ago was mortgaged to the hon. *William Nelſon*. It is with good reaſon ſuſpected that he is lurking about *Weſt Point*, and that he is harboured by ſome of col. *Thomas Moore*'s negroes. Whoever ſecures and delivers the ſaid negro, either to col. *Rootes* or to one of us, ſhall have 40 s. reward.

(tf) THE EXECUTORS.

RUN away from the ſubſcriber, at *Weſt Point*, in *King William* county, the 21ſt of laſt *December*, a very likely *Virginia* born negro man, named MIKE, about 22 years old, ſix feet high, and ſtutters much; had on, when he went away, a ſuit of negro cotton, but may probably change his clothes. I forewarn all maſters of veſſels from carrying him out of the colony. Whoever brings the ſaid negro to me ſhall have 3l. reward, beſides what the law allows, and if taken out of the colony 10l. (tf.) JOHN WEST.

RUN away from the ſubſcriber, in *Glouceſter* county, on the 14th of this inſtant (*May*) a negro man named NED, about 19 or 20 years of age, five feet two or three inches high, rather of a tawny complexion, has ſome ringworms on his face, and ſome white hairs in his head; his clothing was an old brown coat, and a yellow ſtriped cotton waiſtcoat. I bought him laſt *March* at the ſale of mr. *John Sherwer* in *James City* county, for *Mann Page*, junior, eſquire. He was brought from one of his quarters in *King William* county, and I have reaſon to believe that he will go to thoſe parts, or to his mother, who lives with mr. *Thomas Booth*, in *Richmond* town. Any perſon who will take up the ſaid ſlave, and ſecure him ſo that I get him again, ſhall be paid 40 s. by *Mann Page*, junior, eſquire, to whom the negro belongs.

(tf) JAMES JONES.

COMMITTED to *Norfolk* county jail, on the 8th of *March* laſt, a negro man, who ſays his name is DAVY, and that he belongs to *William Smith* on the eaſtern ſhore of *Maryland*; he is about 5 feet 10 or 11 inches high. The owner is deſired to take him away, and pay charges.

(12) SAMUEL PORTLOCK, jailer.

COMMITTED to *Norfolk* county jail, on the 10th of *September* laſt, a ſlim negro man, who ſays his name is WILLIAM PARROT, that he is a freeman, and was born about a mile from *Williamſburg*; he is about 6 feet 2 inches high. His owner (if any) is deſired to take him away, and pay charges.

(12) SAMUEL PORTLOCK, jailer.

FOR SALE,

A TRACT of LAND, containing 3000 acres, whereon is a plantation which has employed, for ſome years paſt, twelve or fourteen ſlaves; this tract lies in the upper end of *King William* county. Alſo a tract lying in the lower end of the ſaid county, containing 1100 acres, and pleaſantly ſituated on *Pamunkey* river; a brick dwelling-houſe, with neceſſary offices, a fiſhing ſhore, and a lively fertility of ſoil, recommend the latter tract to any gentleman who may be about to ſettle in life. Poſſeſſion will be delivered on the 25th of *December* next, to the purchaſer, or purchaſers, who will have liberty of ſowing fall grain. Mr. *Benjamin Grymes*, jun. of *Orange*, will make known particulars to any perſon who may be inclined to purchaſe the whole, or any part of the ſaid tracts. Credit till the firſt of *January* 1777 will be allowed, by

JUDITH ROBINSON.
(tf.) LUCY ROBINSON,
BENJAMIN GRYMES, jun.

To be SOLD *in* Amherſt *county*,

FOUR THOUSAND acres of exceeding good tobacco LAND, being part of a large tract formerly advertiſed, together with a very valuable griſtmill, upon *Buffalo* river. This land is equal to any that has yet been ſold of the tract. The time of payment will be made agreeable to purchaſers. Mr. *Gabriel Penn*, who lives near the land, is authoriſed to bargain for it, and will ſhow it to any perſon inclinable to purchaſe.

(tf) CARTER BRAXTON.

For SALE,

A TRACT of LAND in *Caroline* county, contiguous to *Mattapony*, containing about 2000 acres of well timbered land, the property of mr. *Robert Baylor*. The terms may be known by applying to mr. *Nathaniel Burwell* in *King William*, mr. *John Armiſtead* in *Caroline*, or mr. *John Baylor*, executors. (tf)

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